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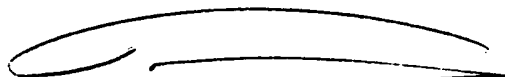
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Daniel B. Silver, Esquire
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Dear Dan:

Enclosed for your review is a new, preliminary proposal for legislation to deal with the problem of the publication of highly sensitive national security information. This proposal reflects the decision by the United States District Court for the District of Maryland in the Morison case, which interpreted existing espionage law more expansively than the Committee had previously viewed it. Accordingly, the attached is a more limited legislative solution to a smaller perceived gap in existing law. I am not at all confident that such narrowly focused legislation makes sense from either a national security or a political perspective, but I hope that it will provide a starting point for discussion at the next meeting of the Committee on March 14, 1986.

Sincerely,



Thomas S. Martin

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cc: Members of the Working Group on
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